



Beaver Creek Fire

July 23, 2016, 8:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at:

inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797

Evacuation orders remain in place as issued by the Jackson Co. Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

25,434

Containment:

5%

215 Firefighters:

3 crews, 15 engines, 1 dozer and 2 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, BLM Kremmling Field Office, State of Colorado Lands, BLM Rawlins Field Office and Wyoming State Forestry Division

Started:

6/19/16; U.S. Forest Service law enforcement is investigating the fire is possibly human caused.

Management: Warder's Type 3 Incident Management Team

A line of thunderstorms with lightning potential are forecasted for this afternoon which could cause new fire starts in the area. Additionally, lower relative humidity and increased westerly wind gusts up to 25 mph are predicted. According to Incident Meteorologist Tim Matthewson, today is a "transition day as we move from deep monsoon moisture to a drier air mass." Higher temperatures and lower relative humidity will promote drying trends through Monday, resulting in increased potential fire growth.

Friday, crews identified additional cabins to be added to incident maps as they scouted to the north. On the northeast side of the fire, they evaluated terrain and vegetation for good fireline placement. A State of Colorado Multi-Mission Aircraft flight provided data to fire personnel, identifying heat along the fire's perimeter and within the 600 Road area. During the flight, real-time communication to ground crews provided instant feedback about hot spots within the fire. More aerial support is planned for this evening as a second aircraft will fly the area with additional infrared technology to help identify future threats as well as containment areas.

Today, Cliff Hutton, Operations Section Chief, briefed fire personnel saying, "It's going to be hotter and drier so be heads up." Crews working the 600 Road will monitor and patrol the area for hot spot flare-ups. Crews will continue to put in mechanical line in the area of 3 Mile Creek towards Parson's Draw in preparation for a planned burning operation early next week. They will also continue to improve defensible space around buildings. The incident management team has ordered additional resources to support this tactic.

To see firefighters creating defensible space on the Beaver Creek Fire, please visit our InciWeb link:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/photograph/4797/0/54375/>

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